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TO: Waste Management Authority Board

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SUBJECT: 2024 Waste Prevention Grant Solicitation Funding Awards

SUMMARY

The Agency utilizes several approaches to support waste prevention and build upstream infrastructure in Alameda County. One such approach is our long-running waste prevention grants program. Each year, StopWaste awards local nonprofits and businesses grant funding for projects focused on waste prevention and upstream infrastructure through repair, reuse, redistribution, and food waste prevention and recovery. The program engages businesses and community-based organizations to reduce waste in Alameda County while helping to address some of the county's most pressing environmental and equity issues and helping member agencies advance their sustainability goals. Since 1996, StopWaste has provided more than \$10 million in grant funding.

DISCUSSION

Local community-based organizations and businesses have a critical role to play in not only preventing waste, but shaping a more circular, resilient, inclusive economy. The grants program offers entities an opportunity to jump start an idea or advance concepts that prioritize upstream source reduction and reuse measures over recycling, composting, and landfilling. Funding priorities are designed to shift when needed depending on Agency priorities and changing needs in the community. For example, given the rise in food insecurity in the county due to the pandemic, the Agency increased funding for organizations working to recover donated food to nourish people.

The 2024 Waste Prevention Grant Solicitation resulted in over 124 applications, requesting \$2.5 million in funds. With a budget of \$1.1 million, staff utilized a variety of review criteria to assess each applicant's strengths and weaknesses to arrive at funding decisions. Of the 124 applications received, staff awarded \$1,087,000 in funding to 59 applicants – 23 awardees are new organizations that have not received funding from StopWaste in the past. The chart below

shows funding awards by grant category – a complete list of all applicants funded in the 2024 Grant Solicitation round can be found in Exhibit A.

Grant Categories	Applications Received	Applicants funded	Funds Requested	Funds Awarded
Food Waste Prevention and Recovery Grants	42	22	\$1,178,731.00	\$582,174.00
Community Food Systems Grants	12	5	\$117,500.00	\$50,000.00
Reusable Foodware Grants	11	5	\$270,161.00	\$105,000.00
Reusable Transport Packaging Grants	9	7	\$66,626.04	\$50,500.00
Reuse and Repair	38	13	\$821,734.16	\$240,892.00
Surplus Food Donation Equipment Grants	12	7	\$119,470.46	\$58,777.24
TOTALS	124	59	\$2,574,222.66	\$1,087,343.24

At the September 25 WMA meeting, staff will provide an overview of the following:

- Synopsis of outreach activities conducted
- New streamlined application process
- Grant applicants selected for funding
- Selection and evaluation criteria utilized for funding decisions
- Updated grantee reporting process to track data and measure grantee impacts
- Considerations for future funding approaches

RECOMMENDATION

This item is for information only.

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Exhibit A – 2024 Waste Prevention Grant Solicitation Funding Awards

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Waste Prevention Grant Category	Grantee	Organization location	Project Locations	Fiscal Year	Amount	Description
Food Waste Prevention & Recovery Grants	Berkeley Food Network	Berkeley	Albany, Berkeley, Emeryville, Oakland	FY 23-24	\$30,000	The Berkeley Food Network seeks to end hunger and poor nutrition by using innovative, community-centered solutions to build a more sustainable, resilient, and equitable food system. Funds will support Berkeley Food Network’s efforts to identify and responsibly source high-quality and desirable food from local food producers, recruit and provide food recovery training to volunteers, and distribute recovered food to community members in need using food-safe equipment and supplies.
Food Waste Prevention & Recovery Grants	FoodRecovery.org	Washington, DC	Alameda County	FY 23-24	\$30,000	FoodRecovery.Org's online platform connects businesses with surplus food to organizations and communities in need, championing sustainability by diverting edible food away from landfills at no charge to users. Funds will support the recovery of edible surplus food, communication, logistics, and transportation of surplus food from Oakland Unified School District and large food generators to nearby nonprofits feeding food insecure residents.
Food Waste Prevention & Recovery Grants	Trybe, Inc.	Oakland	Oakland	FY 23-24	\$20,000	by providing opportunities for personal and communal growth. Trybe is committed to racial and social justice, fosters skill development, promotes leadership and responsibility, and addresses food insecurity and environmental emergencies, youth development, and violence prevention to build a safe, healing-centered environment for community members. Funds will support the implementation of heating and cooling units based on a mobile, outdoor, design to facilitate the safe transportation, storage, and distribution of perishable

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Food Waste Prevention & Recovery Grants	Mandela Partners	Oakland	Berkeley, Castro Valley, Oakland, San Leandro	FY 23-24	\$30,000	Mandela Partners is a non-profit organization that uses food as a tool for community and economic development in Alameda County. Their flagship program, Mandela Produce Distribution, is a community food hub that increases access to local, sustainably grown fresh produce while supporting the economic success of small-scale BIPOC farmers. This project will focus on prevention of food waste through inventory management of produce stands, combined with the donation of surplus produce to Food Recovery Organizations (FROs). Funds will support staff time and the purchase of reusable crates to replace disposable packaging.
Food Waste Prevention & Recovery Grants	Alameda Food Bank	Alameda	Alameda	FY 23-24	\$30,000	Funds will support the Alameda Food Bank in auditing and documenting internal procedures and creating a handbook that can be shared with external partners. This handbook will assist other organizations in the creation of a grocery store style shopping experience where recovered food will be distributed.
Food Waste Prevention & Recovery Grants	Tri-Valley Haven	Livermore	Dublin, Livermore, Pleasanton, Sunol	FY 23-24	\$30,000	groceries and personal necessities six days a week, serving low-income and homeless individuals and families and people at-risk of becoming homeless. Funds will support essential staff and operational expenses to grow their food recovery efforts and double the number of mobile food distribution sites to a total of
Food Waste Prevention & Recovery Grants	Open Heart Kitchen of Livermore Incorporated	Livermore	Dublin, Livermore, Pleasanton	FY 23-24	\$30,000	Open Heart Kitchen provides equitable access to nutritious food today, while building a food secure tomorrow. The Open Heart Food Bank will provide better coordination amongst nonprofit organizations and enhance efficient and consistent food redistribution in the Tri-Valley. We intend to provide culturally relevant food to those who need it most: the unhoused, low-income families and individuals, seniors, and the medically fragile.

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Food Waste Prevention & Recovery Grants	Oakland Communities United for Equity & Justice	Oakland	Berkeley, Emeryville, Oakland	FY 23-24	\$30,000	Oakland Communities United for Equity and Justice’s (OCUEJ) Self-Help Hunger Program dovetails food recovery, food security, and career-building to promote displacement-resilience and cultural survival for vulnerable communities in North Oakland. Funds will support increased staff time for food recovery, distribution, and network building, along with vehicle operating costs and general maintenance to expand on and significantly increase the amount of food recovered, distributed, and shared with partner organizations.
Food Waste Prevention & Recovery Grants	All Good Living Foundation	Alameda	Alameda, Oakland	FY 23-24	\$30,000	The mission of All Good Living Foundation is to create access to food, clothing, and supplies for Bay Area children and families in need. AGLF believes that children thrive when their basic needs are fulfilled, their lives are stable, and their community is ready to lend a hand. Funds will support expanding food distribution at school-based Community Closets within the East Bay by providing funding for refrigeration units, a freezer, prep tables, storage shelves and essential operational resources for food recovery and distribution.
Food Waste Prevention & Recovery Grants	San Lorenzo Family Help Center	Hayward	Hayward	FY 23-24	\$30,000	San Lorenzo Family Help Center supports families in the wider San Lorenzo area by coordinating and distributing nutritious emergency food and targeted resources in partnership with volunteers, organizations, and our community The San Lorenzo Family Help Center supports low to very-low-income individuals and families in unincorporated Alameda County. Funds will support the purchase of a walk-in refrigerator which will double their food recovery storage, increase the number of families fed through food distributions and decrease food spoilage.

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Food Waste Prevention & Recovery Grants	Tri-City Volunteers, Inc.	Fremont	Fremont, Newark, Union City	FY 23-24	\$22,605	Tri-City Volunteers (TCV) Food Bank provides emergency assistance to citizens of Fremont, Union City, and Newark and is the largest client-direct food bank in the area, serving up to 16,000 individuals every month. Funds will support the programmatic expansion of TCV grocery rescue, enabling them to expand their reach in the community through the TCV Marketplace and Mobile Pantries, and to improve the types of food rescued in alignment with the cultural needs of their clients.
Food Waste Prevention & Recovery Grants	Mercy Retirement and Care Center, Mercy Brown Bag Program	Oakland	Alameda County	FY 23-24	\$30,000	For over 40 years Mercy Brown Bag Program (MBBP) has focused on feeding low-income, food insecure older adults (age 60+) across Alameda County. MBBP provides fresh, nutritious bags of groceries twice a month to 8,600 seniors across 13 cities in Alameda County. Funds will support the installation of a walk-in freezer and refrigerator at their Chapman facility, enabling MBBP to take on building pallets of food to feed 1500+ nutrition-insecure older adults and save over 200,000 pounds of surplus food monthly. This funding will help MBBP expand their food recovery operations by 20%.
Food Waste Prevention & Recovery Grants	St. Vincent de Paul of Alameda County	Oakland	Alameda County, Alameda, Albany, Berkeley, Castro Valley, Dublin, Emeryville, Fremont, Hayward, Livermore, Newark, Oakland, Piedmont, Pleasanton, San Leandro, Sunol, Union City	FY 23-24	\$30,000	St. Vincent de Paul of Alameda County feeds, clothes, houses and heals the most vulnerable individuals and families in Alameda County. Funds will be used to increase the amount of nutritious food given to clients in the Oakland San Pablo corridor and to maximize the amount of food provided to impoverished residents throughout Alameda County.

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Food Waste Prevention & Recovery Grants	Project Open Hand	Oakland	Alameda County	FY 23-24	\$10,542	Project Open Hand's mission is to improve health outcomes and quality of life by providing nutritious meals to the sick and vulnerable, while caring for and educating their community. Funds will prevent food waste by adding refrigeration to an existing Project Open Hand delivery vehicle in order to keep frozen meals at a safe temperature, thus allowing them to be returned for use instead of composted or thrown away if they cannot be delivered.
Food Waste Prevention & Recovery Grants	Daily Bowl	Union City	Alameda County	FY 23-24	\$20,000	Daily Bowl recovers excess food that would otherwise go to waste and delivers it to Bay Area agencies that feed food insecure families. Funds will support Daily Bowl's existing food recovery and redistribution efforts and allow the organization to expand outreach and educational efforts with Tier 2 commercial food generators in Alameda County.
Food Waste Prevention & Recovery Grants	Rotation Community Services	Oakland	Oakland	FY 23-24	\$22,000	Rotation Community Services offers intersectional, equity-focused zero waste guidance, education, and resources. Funds will be used for staff time and materials to develop a model food recovery program at Oakland First Friday that would provide the coordination needed among food vendors, event producers, volunteers, community resilience organizations, and food recovery organizations that could be replicated at outdoor festivals and events where food recovery has historically been a challenge.
Food Waste Prevention & Recovery Grants	Hope 4 the Heart	Hayward	Alameda County	FY 23-24	\$30,000	Hope 4 the Heart is an all-volunteer organization that serves local low-income families by providing weekly food deliveries to affordable housing and senior communities across Alameda County, in partnership with 50+ community partners. Funding will support vehicle repair costs, insurance and fuel expenses related to food recovery activities and delivery of donations to partner agencies.

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Food Waste Prevention & Recovery Grants	Dorothy Day House a Nonprofit Public Benefit Organization	Berkeley	Alameda County, Berkeley	FY 23-24	\$27,027	Dorothy's Kitchen serves as the exclusive community kitchen for Berkeley. With 33 years of experience, they offer nutritious meals that partner agencies rely on. This initiative aims to establish a regional food hub serving the north Berkeley community, aligning with shared objectives of providing meals to those in need, offering culinary arts job training, and enhancing food recovery efforts. Funds will enable Dorothy Day House to expand their meal program and food redistribution efforts for low-income and unhoused individuals by purchasing a new refrigerator, freezer and through assistance with rent support on a temporary kitchen space that has already produced over 100 meals per day with significant additional capacity.
Food Waste Prevention & Recovery Grants	Center for Food, Faith & Justice (CFFJ)	Berkeley	Berkeley, Emeryville, Oakland	FY 23-24	\$20,000	The Center for Food, Faith & Justice is building a network of congregations, integrated urban gardens, community food justice programs, economic development, hunger and homeless programs, and food-related job training programs which began in 2014. Funds will support increased staff time, materials, and operating expenses to expand on the Beyond the Table program which recovers and redistributes food through partnerships with grocers and organizations. The initiative includes community education, job training, and increased meal program capacity.
Food Waste Prevention & Recovery Grants	Bear Pantry	Albany / Berkeley	Albany, Berkeley	FY 23-24	\$30,000	The Bear Pantry provides basic needs services to University Village Albany residents, reducing food insecurity and fostering community well-being. The UVA Bear Pantry and UC Berkeley's Basic Needs Center aim to expand food recovery efforts from UC Berkeley food service operators and pilot reusable food donation trays. Funds will support recovery of prepared food from UC Berkeley dining halls, stadiums/sports events while keeping the distribution of surplus food internal to university operations -a closed loop system for food recovery that will utilize reusable infrastructure in the donation system, minimizing waste of single-use foodware.

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Food Waste Prevention & Recovery Grants	Common Vision	Oakland	Berkeley, Oakland, San Leandro	FY 23-24	\$20,000	Positioned at the intersection of food, education and environment, Common Vision (CV) nurtures a more healthy and just society by planting orchards and school gardens and providing access to healthy food. Funds will support recovery activities at three large food generators and distribution to children and families in need at four Title 1 schools, a community farm site, and three local community groups. Additionally, funds will support the use of new technology that will connect CV with volunteers and new food donors.
Food Waste Prevention & Recovery Grants	Sotira	Menlo Park	Alameda County	FY 23-24	\$30,000	Sotira is a software tool that enables instant commerce companies and grocery stores to offload and reroute surplus food to prevent waste. Funds will support the development of a software tool that uses artificial intelligence to enable companies that sell food to better forecast inventory demand and be matched with charities, nonprofits and other organizations in the area to redistribute surplus food so it doesn't go to waste.
Community Food Systems Grants	Homies Empowerment, a project of Social Good Fund	Oakland	Alameda County	FY 23-24	\$10,000	A project of Social Good Fund, Homies Empowerment believes in standing in solidarity with their community, and encouraging community self-sufficiency by providing free food and other necessities. The FREEdom Store provides essential groceries, including fresh produce, to over 400 weekly beneficiaries. Funds will support a Seed-to-Table Coordinator, to enhance the Freedom Farm project with culturally relevant foods, improve the customer choice style of food distribution, and expand the baking/cooking training programs, benefiting low-income and houseless communities with nutritious meals and skills development.

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Community Food Systems Grants	Sunflower Hill	Pleasanton	Livermore, Pleasanton	FY 23-24	\$10,000	Sunflower Hill aims to create places and spaces where adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD) live, work, learn, and thrive as part of the greater community. Funds will support Sunflower Hill’s project to increase access to fresh produce for residents with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (I/DD) at their Irby Ranch community by installing a community refrigerator and organizing Farmer Market Fridays, providing round-the-clock access to farm-fresh, organic produce while offering job skills training and empowering residents.
Community Food Systems Grants	Saba Grocers Initiative	Oakland	Oakland	FY 23-24	\$10,000	Saba Grocers Initiative's goal is to create a healthy community where everyone has access to quality, nutritious food through a synergistic relationship between corner stores and the communities they serve. Corner stores serve as an important conduit for communities to get healthy products, promoting health and well-being, and facilitating community empowerment. Funds will support a portion of delivery and packing costs for Saba’s Collective Purchasing Program bringing 13 corner stores together in placing one values-based produce order, allowing stores in food apartheid neighborhoods to access the economy of scale, and secure competitive produce prices.
Community Food Systems Grants	Local Ecology and Agriculture Fremont	Fremont	Fremont, Newark, Sunol, Union City	FY 23-24	\$10,000	Local Ecology and Agriculture Fremont (LEAF) is a registered 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to regenerating the land using sustainable practices and inspiring our community to nurture the earth. Funds will support and expand LEAF's food donation program to continue to serve under-privileged communities, by developing a new Urban Garden and improving our existing gardens. Funding will help us expand our outreach with the Fruit Tree Gleaning initiative, and facilitate workshops to educate the community in regenerative agriculture.

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Community Food Systems Grants	People's Programs (People's Community Foundation)	Oakland	Alameda County	FY 23-24	\$10,000	People's Community Foundation combats health inequities, food insecurity, gentrification, and homelessness in Oakland. They empower the community through organizing, education, and development, nurturing leaders who drive their Grocery Program, Hot Meal Distribution, People's Farm, and Free Health Clinic. Funds will support transportation and materials costs for their BIPOC-focused initiatives in Oakland, addressing health disparities and food insecurity through the Breakfast and Grocery Programs, and Farm.
Surplus Food Donation Equipment Grants	Washington Hospital Healthcare Foundation	Fremont	Fremont	FY 23-24	\$7,577.24	Washington Hospital System's mission is to meet the health care needs of their District residents through medical services, education, and research. Funds will enable the them to enhance their surplus food recovery efforts from their Cafeteria and Patient Dining operations by purchasing a refrigerator dedicated to donations. The funds will be utilized to establish a central fridge solution, streamlining storage and maximizing the efficiency of food recovery. This will support their relationship with Daily Bowl by making accessing donations more efficient and effective.
Surplus Food Donation Equipment Grants	Teen Challenge of East Bay, Inc.	Oakland	Alameda County	FY 23-24	\$10,000	Teen Challenge of East Bay provides successful recovery for men with destructive, abusive, and addictive lifestyles through mentoring, education, training, and spiritual direction. Funds will enable Teen Challenge of East Bay, Inc. to expand their food storage capabilities by purchasing a walk-in freezer. This upgrade will prevent spoilage and extend the storage duration, allowing them to accommodate more food donations. By replacing multiple existing units with a single, energy-efficient solution, Teen Challenge can boost their annual food recovery by 12,000 pounds and significantly enhance their overall energy efficiency. This investment will ensure that more donated food is preserved and utilized, supporting their mission to serve the community effectively.

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Surplus Food Donation Equipment Grants	Community Kitchens	Oakland	Oakland	FY 23-24	\$10,000	Community Kitchens' founding principle is to unify and bring together our whole community to build stronger and more resilient foodways to support and uplift our underserved community members and businesses. Funds will support Community Kitchens to purchase two refrigerators and one chest freezer, to establish a secure drop-off hub for restaurants. This hub will not only aid restaurants in complying with SB1383 but also alleviate food waste, ensuring that more nutritious meals reach Oakland communities in need.
Surplus Food Donation Equipment Grants	Davis Street Community Center INC	San Leandro	San Leandro	FY 23-24	\$6,500	Davis Street's mission is to improve the quality of life for low-income residents in the Eden Area and surrounding communities. Funds will enable the Davis Street Basic Needs program to increase their capacity to accept more surplus edible food donations by purchasing additional cold storage equipment. This will allow the program to better serve the growing population in need, ensuring that more donated food is preserved and distributed to those who rely on this critical service.
Surplus Food Donation Equipment Grants	RCCG GRACELAND PANTRY	Livermore	Livermore	FY 23-24	\$8,500	Graceland Food Pantry is focused on eradicating hunger and malnutrition in the Tri-Valley area of the greater California Bay Area. Funds will enable Graceland Pantry to increase their capacity to accept more surplus edible food donations by purchasing additional cold storage and handling equipment. These acquisitions will aid in recovering and distributing more surplus food, allowing the pantry to expand partnerships, increase food distribution by 20%-30% monthly, and serve an additional 15% of people each month.
Surplus Food Donation Equipment Grants	New Life Christian Church Food Pantry	Hayward	Hayward	FY 23-24	\$10,000	New Life Christian Church Food Pantry is focused on meeting the needs of the community. Funds will support the pantry in increasing its capacity to recover surplus food donations by providing efficient refrigeration to preserve the recovered food and supplying a scale to accurately weigh the donations.

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Surplus Food Donation Equipment Grants	The Salvation Army Tri-Cities Corps	Newark	Newark	FY 23-24	\$6,200	The Salvation Army is an evangelical part of the Universal Christian Church. Its mission is to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ and to meet human needs without discrimination. Their goal is to provide services to low-income families in need. Funds will enable The Salvation Army Tri-Cities Corps to acquire a small refrigerator to prolong the shelf life of surplus edible food. Additionally, funds will be used to purchase 4-wheel bins for efficient food transportation.
Reuse & Repair Grants	MAKE IT HOME BAY AREA	Walnut Creek	Alameda, Albany, Berkeley, Castro Valley, Dublin, Emeryville, Fremont, Hayward, Livermore, Newark, Oakland, Piedmont, Pleasanton, San Leandro, Sunol, Union City	FY 23-24	\$25,000	Make It Home Bay Area (MIHBA)'s mission is to furnish homes of families and individuals transitioning out of crisis or homelessness with donated, gently used, repurposed furnishings and household goods. Funds will be used to hire staff to increase furniture diverted from landfill and increase the number of Alameda County residents served.
Reuse & Repair Grants	East Bay Depot for Creative Reuse	Oakland	Alameda County	FY 23-24	\$10,000	The mission of The East Bay Depot is to divert waste materials from landfills by collecting and redistributing discarded goods as low-cost supplies for art, education, and social services at the Oakland based Depot Store. Grant funds will provide operating support to collect, store, and redistribute materials for the Depot Store.
Reuse & Repair Grants	Nimble: Repair Matchmaker	Berkeley	Albany, Berkeley, Emeryville, Oakland	FY 23-24	\$15,000	Nimble is a concierge service matching people who need household goods repaired with people who have the skills to repair them. Services include pick up and drop off to make repair convenient. Funds will be used to expand services to a larger audience, improve software efficiencies as well as expanding what can be repaired, creating jobs, and generating demand for the repair economy.

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Reuse & Repair Grants	Waterside Workshops	Berkeley	Berkeley, Emeryville, Oakland	FY 23-24	\$25,000	Waterside Workshop's 'Street Level Cycles' program is a youth job-training program that repairs and sells discarded bicycles, and provides a free do-it-yourself public bike repair shop. Funds will be used for interns to participate in the Street Level Cycles Waterside's bicycle education and reuse program. Through innovative internship model, youth interns work alongside skilled instructors and learn professional bike repair by refurbishing used bicycles. Waterside's interns consist primarily of youth who face barriers to employment, including foster youth, homeless youth, youth with learning disabilities, and youth who are at risk of dropping out of high school.
Reuse & Repair Grants	The ReCARES Network	Oakland	Oakland	FY 23-24	\$25,000	The ReCARES Network collects, redistributes, and encourages reuse of donated medical equipment and supplies by increasing access to Durable Medical Equipment (DME) while reducing unnecessary environmental waste. Funds will be used to develop a DME Donor Stop - a replicable training project to prepare essential human resources necessary for the full functioning of their DME donation operations.
Reuse & Repair Grants	Tech Exchange	Oakland	Alameda, Albany, Berkeley, Castro Valley, Dublin, Emeryville, Fremont, Hayward, Livermore, Newark, Oakland, Piedmont, Pleasanton, San Leandro, Sunol, Union City	FY 23-24	\$20,000	Funding will support Tech Exchange's sustainable computer refurbishment and workforce development efforts as they work toward the vision of digital equity. Specifically, funding from StopWaste would underwrite the stipends of four Civicorps interns for four 6 month internships who will serve in Tech Exchange's warehouse at the heart of our reuse operation.

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Reuse & Repair Grants	Loved Twice	Oakland	Alameda, Albany, Berkeley, Castro Valley, Emeryville, Fremont, Hayward, Livermore, Oakland, Pleasanton, San Leandro, Union City	FY 23-24	\$25,000	Loved Twice believes every newborn baby deserves to have clothes for their first year of life—one of life’s basic necessities. Loved Twice provides clothing for newborns in need with quality reused baby clothing. Funds will be used to support Loved Twice to provide “wardrobes-in-a-box” that will keep babies clothed and warm for a year. Funds will help meet the increase in requests from social workers in Alameda County.
Reuse & Repair Grants	Resource Area For Teaching	San Jose	Fremont, Hayward, Oakland, San Leandro, Union City	FY 23-24	\$20,000	RAFT’s mission is to help educators transform a child’s learning experience through hands-on education to one that inspires the joy and discovery of learning. Funds to support the collection of donated materials from Alameda County companies to be repurposed into creative reuse materials and STEAM Project Kits for educators and students in Alameda County. RAFT will provide standards-aligned, hands-on STEAM learning materials and support to underserved students in Alameda County.
Reuse & Repair Grants	API Cultural Center, Inc. dba Oakland Asian Cultural Center	Oakland	Oakland	FY 23-24	\$6,760	Oakland Asian Cultural Center builds vibrant communities through Asian and Pacific Islander arts and cultural programs that foster inter-generational and cross-cultural dialogue and understanding, collaboration, and social justice. Funds will be used to develop “Reviving the Art of Repair and Repurpose” workshops to teach Chinatown community members the creative arts of repairing and repurposing materials. Presented in English and Mandarin.
Reuse & Repair Grants	Oakland Unified School District (Fiscal Sponsor: Oakland Public Education Fund)	Oakland	Oakland	FY 23-24	\$25,000	The Oakland Unified School District (OUSD) Student Tech Repair Internship program works to ensure that all students, families, and teachers have the necessary technology to be successful in school, while creating unique opportunities for student interns to build STEM skills and increasing local sustainability efforts with regards to electronic waste. Funds will be used to cover the costs of eight summer interns and part time OUSD staff oversight.

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Reuse & Repair Grants	Bio-Link Depot Inc.	Oakland	Alameda, Albany, Berkeley, Castro Valley, Dublin, Emeryville, Fremont, Hayward, Livermore, Newark, Oakland, Piedmont, Pleasanton, San Leandro, Sunol, Union City	FY 23-24	\$24,000	BioLink Depot is a unique organization that provides millions of dollars worth of donated laboratory equipment and supplies for free to educators and researchers, to promote scientific training for students. Funding will be used to purchase specialized testing equipment to ensure donated items are in excellent working condition prior to distribution to educators in need. Funding will be used to repurpose surplus lab materials in the life science industry and make free STEM kits available to educators.
Reuse & Repair Grants	Viola Blythe Community Services	Newark	Newark	FY 23-24	\$10,132	Viola Blythe Community Services is partnering with Fremont Fix Your Bike Day volunteers to offer bi-weekly Fix Your Bike clinics at the City of Newark Farmers' market. Funds will be used to implement clinics to offer free bike tune ups, flat fixes, and all types of bike repairs. High School volunteer will earn service hours. Volunteer opportunities include attending mentor classes and mechanic classes to learn how to become an entry level volunteer bike mechanic using production technique and receive on-the-job training.
Reuse & Repair Grants	Spanish Speaking Unity Council of Alameda County, Inc. DBA The Unity Council	Oakland	Oakland	FY 23-24	\$10,000	The Unity Council's mission is to promote social equity and improve quality of life with programs to help community members build self-sufficiency and provide them with the tools and resources to achieve their long-term educational, career, and financial goals. Funds will be used to develop a regenerative program entitled "Hecho en Oakland Reducir, Reparar y Reusar / Made in Oakland: Reduce, Repair & Reuse. The goal of reusing and reducing textile waste from the Fast Fashion Industry, repairing clothes and reusing textiles to make upcycled fashion and homewares.
Reusable Foodware Grants	Berkeley Unified School District	Berkeley	Berkeley	FY 23-24	\$25,000	Berkeley Unified School District will implement a reusable foodware program at 7 schools. This initiative is part of their broader plan to implement reusable foodware throughout the entire district. The funds will be utilized to purchase stainless steel trays, utensils, cups, and bowls.

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Reusable Foodware Grants	Northeastern University	Oakland	Oakland	FY 23-24	\$20,000	Northeastern University at Mills College in Oakland will enhance and expand its reusable foodware program, focusing on a campus dining hall and a retail eatery. The funds will be used to purchase reusable containers, RFID equipment, and tracking software.
Reusable Foodware Grants	AEG management Oakland LLC	Oakland	Oakland	FY 23-24	\$25,000	AEG Management Oakland, LLC, the team behind the management of the Oakland Arena, is replacing single-use cups with a reusable cup service. Initially, this service will be piloted in the suites with the goal of expanding facility-wide. The funds will support the costs associated with the reusable cup service and the hiring of sorters to ensure the program operates smoothly and efficiently.
Reusable Foodware Grants	Community Action for a Sustainable Alameda (CASA)	Alameda	Alameda, Albany, Berkeley, Oakland	FY 23-24	\$20,000	In partnership with OKAPI Reusables, Community Action for a Sustainable Alameda is set to enhance its reusable cup network by incorporating ten additional cafes, focusing on businesses in Albany, Berkeley, and Oakland. The allocated funds will be used to purchase reusable cups, promote the service, and cover labor costs for setting up the program.
Reusable Foodware Grants	Laurel District Association	Oakland	Alameda, Berkeley, Oakland	FY 23-24	\$15,000	The Laurel District Association is leveraging its extensive network and Ambassador program to drive participation in reusable foodware systems among local restaurants and cafes in several Oakland and Berkeley business districts. In collaboration with StopWaste and reusable service providers, they aim to promote and implement vetted reusable services that focus on reducing single-use waste associated with take-out orders.
Reusable Transport Packaging Grants	Marin Living Foods Inc	San Leandro	San Leandro	FY 23-24	\$8,000	Marin Living Foods makes premium almond milk beverages using clean ingredients to create unique flavor profiles. Wooden pallets for beverage transport will be switched to reusable, durable pallets, resulting in cost savings and reducing waste. Additionally, Marin Living Foods will switch to reusable pallet covers made with thermal fabric to maintain beverage temperature during transport and further reducing transport packaging waste.

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Reusable Transport Packaging Grants	Britech Electropolishing, Inc,	Newark	Newark	FY 23-24	\$2,500	Britech Electropolishing, Inc. provides quality metal finishing services throughout the Bay Area. Grant funds will be used to replace single-use plastic shrink wrap and disposable wood pallets with reusable pallets and reusable pallet wraps.
Reusable Transport Packaging Grants	Philz Coffee	Oakland	Oakland	FY 23-24	\$8,000	Philz Coffee is a coffee roaster retailer with over 50 coffee shops, as well as wholesale and online roasted coffee sales. Building on the success from prior grant funding, new grant funds will be used to purchase another batch of reusable pallets for weekly shipments of coffee beans from their third-party warehouse in San Leandro to the Philz Coffee Roasting Plant in Oakland.
Reusable Transport Packaging Grants	Donut Petit	Alameda	Alameda, Oakland	FY 23-24	\$10,000	Donut Petit's City of Alameda artisanal doughnut shop sources local and organic ingredients to create classic and unique flavors. Building on the success of prior grant funds, these additional funds will allow the bakery to purchase additional reusable bakery boxes to match the growing need.
Reusable Transport Packaging Grants	Agricultural Institute of Marin	San Rafael	Alameda County	FY 23-24	\$10,000	The Agricultural Institute of Marin (AIM)'s mission is to educate, inspire, and connect communities, responsible farmers, and producers as part of a healthy, Earth-friendly, equitable local and regional food system. These new grant funds will supply approximately 575 reusable plastic totes to transport fresh produce to Alameda County farmer's markets to eight BIPOC farmers who are enrolled in AIM's racial equity program called the "Incubator Booth". The Incubator Booth program supports beginning BIPOC farmers get established at farmer's markets.
Reusable Transport Packaging Grants	Sun Hop Fat	Oakland	Oakland	FY 23-24	\$2,000	Sun Hop Fat is an Asian food market in Oakland. Grant funds will allow the market to work with two local farm vendors to switch to reusable produce crates for their daily deliveries to the market. As a result, it's estimated that 7,800 pounds of waxed cardboard boxes will be eliminated each year.

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Reusable Transport Packaging Grants	Foodasia International Inc.	Hayward	Hayward	FY 23-24	\$10,000	Foodasia International, Inc's mission is to provide top-quality Filipino food products to Filipino-American Stores in the San Francisco Bay Area. They provide a large selection of Asian grocery items, meats, seafood, and produce to local grocers and restaurants and sell items in their Oakland grocery store. Grant funds will be used to purchase 40 reusable pallet wraps to transport and store food products in their Oakland warehouse.
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